

Season 4 Episode 7

The Little Old Lady from San Francisco

Jason is at the grocery store at the peak of day. Jason looks over his shopping list and he said, "Ok, let me see what I wrote on this list." The list is a somewhat long sheet of paper and every entry on it says, "Orange Soda." Jason grabs a cart and he loads it up with large cases of orange soda. Jason is at the checkout and a tall thin man with short black hair and a pointy chin stands next to him. The pointy man looks at Jason's stash of soda and he said, "That's a lot of orange soda you are buying." Jason's mouth goes squiggly and he smiles and said, "Yeah." Jason thinks, "There is something familiar about that guy. He looks like someone from my painful past." Jason goes to buy the soda and the pointy guy said, "You really shouldn't be drinking all that orange soda. It is bad for you. I have been concerned about you since I first met you when you were in elementary school all those years back." Jason gets flashbacks of this pointy man making Jason do all kinds of inhumane tests and examinations. Jason views himself being placed on a surgical table while the pointy man sticks examination devices into Jason's eyelids. Jason has a disgusted look on his face. Jason points to the pointy man and he said, "I know exactly who you are. You are Mr. Fredrico. You were that narcissist principal I had in elementary school." Jason pays and runs out of the store. Jason runs down the street lugging onto the soda cases in front of the store and he gets stopped by Mr. Fredrico. Mr. Fredrico said, "Look Jason. My concern for you didn't end when you graduated from elementary school nor did it end when you graduated high school. I am still concerned about you." Jason said, "Well, I am not a school kid of any kind anymore so beat it!" Jason runs away and he sees Mr. Fredrico right behind him. Jason drops his soda cases and he runs way down the street. Jason runs down a back alley and he looks behind him and he said, "I think I am safe." Jason doesn't look where he is going and he crashes into Mr. Fredrico standing tall and mighty in the alley. Mr. Fredrico grabs onto Jason's shirt and he lifts Jason by the shirt. Mr. Fredrico said, "You still give me cause for concern. You are coming with me."

Mr. Fredrico straps Jason down to a chair in his basement. He puts on a film reel showing an old grainy film. A kid that vaguely resembles Jason appears on the screen and a narrator said, "This is Jimmy. He may look like a normal American boy on the outside but on the inside, he is very different." The film cuts to footage of Jimmy wearing bedsheets as robes over him and he has a colander on his head and he stands on a box. The narrator continues, "Jimmy has an overactive imagination. It is normal for kids to have imaginations but sometimes they can be too overactive. Jimmy's

imagination gets the better of him.” Jimmy is seen tormenting other kids. Narrator continues, “Jimmy’s imagination gets the better of him and he often takes things too far. He is too obsessed with the heroes he reads about in the comics and sees on the new invention, the TV. Jimmy’s imagination led to the school getting lit on fire by him.” Jimmy’s school is shown on fire. Narrator continues, “Jimmy’s imagination didn’t end when he was a kid. It stayed with him throughout adulthood.” Jimmy is now shown as stubbly adult that goes on a rampage with guns. Jimmy is thrown into a jail cell afterwards. Narrator continues, “Jimmy took his imagination so far that it led to him becoming a criminal where he nearly terrorized the town and placed many lives in mortal danger. If you are an adult and you still believe in childish thoughts, you must seek help immediately. You do not want to grow up and become like Jimmy.”

Mr. Fredrico turns off the reel and he said, “You see, this is why I am concerned about you. I have been following you for years. I know about your adventures.” Mr. Fredrico holds a newspaper up to Jason and it has a picture of Jason, Mason, and Captain Fusion and the headline reads, “Captain Fusion elected mayor of San Francisco.” Mr. Fredrico drops more newspapers in front of Jason that contain headlines of adventures and things Jason did with Mason and Captain Fusion. Jason said, “How is that being childish?” Mr. Fredrico said, “You see, you are hanging out with Captain Fusion. I remember you were obsessed with him when you were in my school. It seems now you have taken your obsession with him too far by essentially becoming his sidekick. I am deeply concerned about you. That is why the state gave me the funding for this.” Mr. Fredrico unveils a large intimidating machine that has a bed and it is connected to treads that will send someone through the machine. Sweat pours down Jason’s head. Mr. Fredrico said, “I will now fix your problem.” Mr. Fredrico frees Jason from the straps and has a tight grip on one of Jason’s wrists. Jason jumps and he Kung Fu chops Mr. Fredrico and he runs out of the basement. Jason runs outside and he dashes into Mason’s lab where Mason watches him jump into a security tight safe in the lab. Mason shrugs and he said, “I am not going to ask.”

Mason keeps working in his lab and he sees Mr. Fredrico looking at a large space satellite with empty nuclear canisters on it with a large control console next to it. Mason goes up to Mr. Fredrico and he said, “Can I help you?” Mr. Fredrico said, “I am looking for Jason.” Mason said, “I think I saw him go into this safe.” Mason opens up the safe and he said, “Hey, Jason. You have a visitor.” Jason sees Mr. Fredrico and he stays put in the safe. Jason said, “It is him. It is that creepy stalker from the street.” Jason darts out of the safe and he zips out of the lab. Jason keeps running down the street and he runs on the sidewalk next to a busy freeway. Mr. Fredrico appears in front of Jason and he said, “You are only running away from a better future. You can easily be cured.” Mr. Fredrico grabs onto Jason and Jason screams, “HELP ME!!!” A tall old lady dressed in black and armed with an umbrella said, “Unhand that man right now.” She smacks Mr. Fredrico in the head. She jabs her umbrella into his armpit and she

flips him backwards into the busy freeway where he gets smoked by a tanker truck that is speeding by. Jason watches the event in suspense. He then smiles in joy and the old lady helps Jason up. She said, "Are you alright young man?" Jason said, "I am now. Thanks for saving my life. That guy was a bad principal I had as a kid and he still seems to think I am a kid in school for some reason." The old lady said, "He is just a freak. The streets are filled with them in this day and age." Jason said, "I owe you a lot. You should come to my place and have dinner with me tonight. It is the least I can do for you." The old lady said, "Dinner is nice. You can call me, Gertrude Finnigan."

Jason takes Gertrude into the lab. Jason said, "This is my twin brother's lab. He spends most of his days here which is why he lacks a social life." Mason is looking over the satellite and the control console. Jason said, "Meet our..." Mason said, "There isn't any time for this. I am trying to figure out how to get the control console to control the satellite. Gertrude looks over the satellite and she spots a series of crossed wires. Gertrude unplugs them and she switches the slots they are plugged into. Mason is standing on the side and he said, "Lady, what do you think you are doing?" The satellite powers up and Gertrude controls it with the control console. Gertrude said, "Problem fixed." A large smile forms on Mason's face and he said, "You fixed it. I didn't think anyone other than myself could know anything about an experimental satellite of this kind." Gertrude said, "What is this satellite anyways?" Mason said, "It is an experimental space satellite that will deliver wireless internet to all the far reaches of the world. The internet is becoming more and more of an essential tool in this day and age and it is important that people have access to it. There are a lot of places in the world that cannot access the internet but that will soon no longer be a problem. With this satellite, the entire modern world will have internet access." Gertrude said, "Sounds very ambitious." Mason said, "The only set back right now is that it requires a strong reliable power source and the only source that could be used right now is nuclear energy. I am currently in talks with a space committee in Washington DC and they are deciding if this project deserves to get nuclear energy and funding. I am a leading member of the committee but I still have to take up everything with them." Gertrude said, "Can't you convince them that your project is worth investing in?" Mason said, "They think nuclear energy is better spent on wars and for weapons of mass destruction. Most of those bureaucrats don't care about my project. The only way I could get this energy is if I become the head of the committee and that can only happen if all the other members die or become incapacitated." Mason goes to his computer and he said, "I have a meeting with them right now."

Mason sits at his computer and he chats with the committee while Gertrude stands on the sidelines and listens to everything. The committee members view Mason and the one sitting in the middle said, "We have thoroughly read your project summaries and reports and we have found that your project is indeed ambitious towards advancing the internet of the modern world but it is a bit too ambitious and the people in the capitol

are not willing to give us the nuclear energy needed for this project. This is energy that could be used for something better like building an atom bomb to destroy those terrorists.” Mason said, “You must reconsider. This project could give the government better internet and it can help them find terrorists.” One of the other committee members said, “The decision is final. Your project is having its plug pulled.” Mason face palms and a devilish grin is formed on Gertrude’s face.

Mason turns on the TV the next morning and DDD News is on and George Ferrier is on the screen. George Ferrier said, “Hello, George Ferrier here of DDD News. In today’s breaking news, the members of the main Committee of Science and Technology have been found dead in the main committee chamber.” The TV goes to footage showing them dead in their seats. George continues, “No one knows who did this but they appear to have been blasted by bullets from a gun of some sort. The police seem indecisive on this.” Footage goes to police crowding around a cop with a small portable game system and he is playing on it. Mason said, “That makes me the leader and only member of the committee now.”

A rocket is launched into space and it brings Mason’s satellite that is filled with nuclear energy into orbit. Mason views the status of the satellite on his computer and he controls the position of the satellite with the large control console in the lab. People all over the world suddenly receive flawless access to the internet on their computers. Mason controls it and he pulls a control key out of the large console. Jason and Gertrude watch Mason pull the key out of the console and Mason said, “This console only works if the key is placed in it. I built this for security reasons so some psychopath cannot take control of the console when I am not around.”

Jason and Mason sit at the dining room table in the evening where Gertrude cooks them a large feast. Jason digs in and he said, “This is awesome.” Mason said, “I am glad you are giving us this feast but I am a bit concerned. Don’t you have a family or someone you should be giving this to rather than us?” Gertrude said, “I used to have a family. They were all killed in a tragic automobile accident. Those automobiles we have on the freeway make for very deadly weapons.” Gertrude winks at Jason. Gertrude said, “I feel I need to give my usefulness to someone since I don’t have a family anymore.” Mason said, “That is quite unfortunate.” Jason said, “Her loss is our gain.” Jason digs into the feast some more.

Mason looks through some broken up robots in his lab and Mason said, “These robots haven’t worked in years. They were supposed to be part of a defense system I made for my lab if it ever got attacked.” Gertrude looks through the robot parts and she assembles them into fully working robots. Mason said, “Your technological capabilities

never cease to amaze me.” Gertrude holds up one of Mason’s technology magazines and said, “I also found this article about an experimental energy source that can be built in this very lab. It is a deadly corrosive substance but it is made from simple liquid chemicals which seem to exist in this lab. This lab would be more efficient if we get this new energy system working and it would save a lot on the electricity bill.” Mason and Gertrude mix chemicals together and they create formulas and they load them into a new tube system that is installed in the walls. Everything in the lab runs and the energy usage on the lab’s electricity meter decreases. Mason gives a thumbs up to Gertrude.

At nighttime, Mason is in bed and he has his control key placed on a night table next to his bed. Gertrude takes the control key and she brings it into Mason’s lab and she takes control of the console and she repositions the satellite in orbit.

Jason and Mason are sitting at the dining room table in the morning eating breakfast and watching DDD News on a TV. George Ferrier comes on the screen with a photo of Mason’s internet satellite next to him and he said, “George Ferrier here of DDD News. It is an online disaster. A few days ago, millions of people all over the world were given access to this new satellite internet technology. This satellite technology was better than the internet they had before from internet providers so they cancelled their previous internet subscriptions. Now, there is a major internet outage and all the people that received this new internet technology seem to be the ones impacted.” A photo of Mason appears on the screen. George continues, “Our local inventor, Mason was the brains behind this satellite so he is the one to be blamed for this.” Jason and Mason’s eyes go big and they look at each other and they both dash off towards Mason’s lab.

Jason and Mason barge into Mason’s lab and they see Gertrude controlling the control console. Mason said, “Gertrude. What is happening?” Jason said, “Yeah, what gives?” Gertrude takes out her umbrella and she points it at Jason and Mason and she open fires on them. Jason and Mason run to dodge the stream of bullets and they go to a wall in the lab. Gertrude holds the control key showing she has it in her grasp. Gertrude said, “I understand that this satellite of yours is pretty much an atom bomb in orbit. If it came crashing down to earth, it would result in a large nuclear explosion that would decimate the entire state of California and all the surrounding states.” Jason said, “You are insane. We will all get killed and you will get killed with us.” Gertrude waves her index finger at Jason and Mason and she said, “I have studied this lab and I have found it can withstand nuclear blasts. I read all about it in the manual.” Mason said, “She’s right.” Jason said, “You seemed so sweet the other day. Did someone pour crap in your cereal flakes this morning?” Gertrude said, “You see, I am nothing but a psycho killer. I take thrills in killing people and now, I can kill so many people. This will be the greatest thrill I have ever faced.”

Captain Fusion opens up the door to Mason's lab and he sees Jason and Mason sitting against a wall. Captain Fusion said, "Mason, you were supposed to come to my lair today to help me defragment my Fusion computer and..." Gertrude points her umbrella at Captain Fusion. Gertrude said, "Captain Fusion. We meet again." Captain Fusion said, "Lady Murderer. I wondered when I would find you." Jason said, "You know her." Captain Fusion said, "Did you read this issue?" Captain Fusion throws a comic book to Jason and Mason from 1964 and the front cover has Captain Fusion strapped to a metal table where Gertrude is younger and she has a set of nefarious machines that are connected to the table and Captain Fusion. Gertrude said, "You will not get this control key. Guards, attack!" The defense robots she helped Mason fix come out and they attack Captain Fusion. Captain Fusion punches one of them down and he elbows another one in the face. Captain Fusion sandwiches the head of one of the robots with his feet and he jumps and smacks one at the top of the head. Gertrude said, "You are good. You won't get this though." Gertrude shows the control key. Gertrude shoots at the walls and her bullets pierce through the outer layer revealing the tubes filled with the corrosive energy source. Gertrude blasts the tubes and the corrosive energy liquid leaks all over the floor.

Captain Fusion grabs onto Jason and Mason and he jumps on top of the control console. Gertrude jumps and she grabs and hangs onto sets of wires dangling from the ceiling. The corrosive liquid eats away at wooden tables and things on the floor and it causes them to sink into the liquid and disintegrate. Captain Fusion leaves Jason and Mason gripped onto the edges of the control console and he jumps and grabs onto the wires on the ceiling. He climbs over to Gertrude and he uses his feet to fight her to get the control key from her. Gertrude takes out her umbrella and she shoots at Captain Fusion and he loses his grip on the wires and he falls. He grabs onto Gertrude's waist and she is weighed down. Captain Fusion said, "If I am going to fall, you are coming down with me." Mason sees Gertrude has the control key sticking out of her hand that is gripped to the ceiling wires. Mason said, "Orbot!" Orbot hovers over to Jason and Mason. Mason said, "Orbot, take us to Gertrude." Orbot said, "Gee, I don't think I can support your weight." Jason said, "T-JAY can support our weight." Jason takes out a remote from one of his pockets and he presses a button on it and it sends out a signal to T-JAY resting in the closet of Jason's bedroom. T-JAY is activated and he flies to Mason's lab. Jason said, "T-JAY, that lady is going to nuke the world if we don't get that control thing from her. Bring us to her." T-JAY salutes Jason and he said, "As you order, master Jason." Jason and Mason jump on T-JAY and he flies them to Gertrude. Gertrude uses her only free hand to blast at T-JAY with her umbrella. T-JAY uses his scissor claw hand and he fights against Gertrude. Gertrude blasts at T-JAY and his screen gets cracks and he spirals downwards. Jason and Mason are thrown from T-JAY and they grab onto Captain Fusion. T-JAY spins around and he crashes into the wall and he gets stuck in the wall.

A TV comes on in Mason's lab and George Ferrier is on the screen with DDD News. George said, "Our news crews are picking up footage of the internet satellite. It looks like it is crashing down on San Francisco at this very moment." The TV shows the satellite nuke heading very close to the surface of San Francisco. George Ferrier flails his arms around and he said, "Everything we ever known is going to be gone in a matter of seconds." People panic in fear all over the San Francisco streets.

Mason spots the control key in Gertrude's hand. Mason looks at Jason and they both nod to each other. Jason jumps and he latches onto Gertrude's umbrella. Gertrude tries to shake Jason off and Mason jumps and he lands a foot on Jason's back and he jumps upwards and he grabs onto the control key that is in her tight grip. Mason tugs hard on the control key and he pulls it out of her grip and Gertrude loses her grip and she falls into the corrosive energy liquid. Jason falls and Captain Fusion grabs onto Jason and he uses his harpoon gun to connect to the ceiling and zip them to safety. Gertrude's body sinks into the corrosive energy liquid. Mason climbs on the ceiling with the control chip. The satellite is heading closer to San Francisco and is a few hairs away from the city. Mason places the control key into the console and he takes control of it and he sends the satellite flying into the sky. Mason has it blasting off into the sun. The people on the streets of San Francisco see they are not dead and they raise their arms in joy that they are not dead. George Ferrier's eyes are closed and they slowly open. George said, "Are we dead yet?" A cameraman shakes his head no. George said, "It is a miracle. We are saved."

Jason, Mason, Captain Fusion, and T-JAY covered with bandages sit in the backyard in the bright sun at a barbeque. Jason said, "Well, I guess I learned my lesson. Never trust overly nice old ladies." Mason said, "I think we should have Captain Fusion give background checks on everyone we meet and let into our home." Captain Fusion said, "There are all kinds of crazy fools in the world that are far more insane than Lady Murderer. Most of them will never be discovered by us."